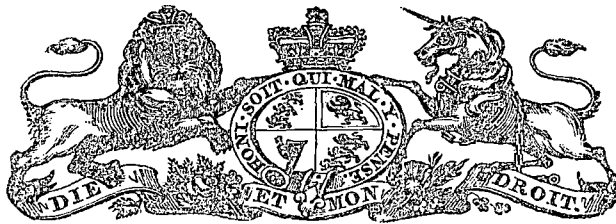


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1860.

TASMANIA.

IMMIGRATION AGENT'S REPORT

FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER, 1859.

Presented by Mr. Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be  
printed, 2 August, 1860.



*Board of Immigration, 2nd August, 1860.*

SIR,

By direction of the Board of Immigration, I have the honor to enclose the Reports of the Immigration Agent for the periods ending respectively, 31st December, 1859, and the 30th June, 1860, for the information of Parliament.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,  
FRANK C. TRIBE, *Secretary.*

*The Honourable the Colonial Treasurer.*

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*Immigration Office, Hobart Town, 25th March, 1860.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit the following Report on Immigration for the Half-year ended 31st December, 1859, with Tabular Returns appended, showing the number of Emigrants introduced at the public expense, the cost of their passages, their native countries and religions, occupations or callings, and also the condition of the several systems of Immigration under which they were introduced.

2. 711 Emigrants arrived during the Half-year; of which number 396 were landed at Hobart Town, and 315 at Launceston. The following are the ships by which they were introduced:—

To Hobart Town direct—*Primula, Isles of the South, Percy, and Hooghly.*

To Launceston direct—*Suffolk, Heather Bell, Antipodes, and Broomielaw.*

To Melbourne—(thence forwarded to Tasmania per steamers) *Sir Wm. Ayre, Morning Light, Vater Smydt, Saldanha, Ida, Argonaut, Zambesia, Harmonides, David G. Fleming, Champion of the Seas, Greyhound, Ocean Chief, and Sussex.*

The casualties during the passage were 6 births and 6 deaths.

3. The system of introducing Emigrants *via* Melbourne has been found to work advantageously to the holders of Bounty Tickets, who might otherwise experience delay in obtaining passages in ships coming direct to Tasmania; and, although unable to make a personal inspection as to the accommodation provided for the Emigrants by these vessels, I am satisfied, from their own statements on arrival, that their comforts had been well attended to during the voyage.

4. The Emigrants per *Oriental* and *Hooghly* were selected for general engagement in Tasmania by the Tasmanian Emigration Agency, London; and the single women, of whom there were 213, appear to be adapted to the requirements of the Colony, although in several cases an indisposition to settle down steadily to service evinced itself on first arrival. Of the above number 78 were forwarded to Launceston for engagement on the Northern side, nearly all of whom obtained service within a few days of arrival, and at wages in no way inferior to those obtained in 1858 and the first half of 1859. The demand on the Southern side was equally brisk.

A few married tradesmen, with their families, also arrived by these vessels.

Some difficulty was experienced in providing these people with suitable employment, on account of the want of demand for mechanical labour, which of course resulted in additional expense to the public. I would beg, therefore, to suggest that this class of Emigrants be omitted by the Tasmanian Agency, when making future selections for the Colony; the Bounty System, at present in force, being found to meet fully the demand for families and single men.

5. The Emigrants per "Broomielaw," introduced by the St. Andrew's Immigration Society, Launceston, are described by the Honorary Secretary, Mr. Corbett, as being "a most suitable class for the Colony, and, with a few exceptions, as having 'given satisfaction to their employers;' the mechanics, blacksmiths, and carpenters have gone out on weekly wages of from £2 10s. to £3 10s.;" and the following are the rates of wages per annum obtained by the agricultural labourers, &c. and domestic servants:—

	£	s.	d.
5 Ploughmen, &c., at, per annum	35	0	0
45 ditto	40	0	0
8 ditto	42	0	0
1 ditto	50	0	0
1 ditto	52	0	0
1 ditto	67	12	0
1 Miller	78	0	0
1 Carpenter	80	0	0
2 Married Couples	50	0	0
2 ditto	60	0	0
2 ditto	65	0	0
1 ditto	70	0	0
1 Domestic Servant	15	0	0
16 ditto	20	0	0
3 ditto	22	0	0
44 ditto	25	0	0
1 ditto	26	0	0
12 ditto	30	0	0

The above rates of wages represent fairly the state of the labour market during the half-year.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

G. SMITH, *Immigration Agent.*

*The Honorable the President, Board of Immigration.*



## No. 2.

NATIVE COUNTRIES and RELIGIONS of EMIGRANTS arrived during Half-year ended  
31st December, 1859.

	Married.		Single.		Children.		Total Souls.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
England .....	26	30	20	192	28	43	339
Scotland .....	15	19	95	92	8	21	250
Ireland .....	5	6	18	79	5	3	116
TOTALS .....	5	55	133	363	41	67	705
Protestants .....	42	49	115	290	36	63	595
Roman Catholics .....	4	6	18	73	5	4	110
TOTALS .....	46	55	133	363	41	67	705
Add six children born during voyage .....							6
TOTAL SOULS ARRIVED.....							711

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## No. 3.

CONDITION of the BOUNTY IMMIGRATION SYSTEM, under the Regulations of 1st March,  
1856, up to 31st December, 1859.

	ORDINARY TICKETS.		BLANK TICKETS.	
	Family Tickets.	Single Tickets.	Family Tickets.	Single Tickets.
Issued .....	540	1198	26	500
Less certified for payment, or acted on..	431	915	6	149
Cancelled .....	75	207	20	351
Overdue .....	34	76	—	—
OUTSTANDING.....	—	—	—	—

G. SMITH, *Immigration Agent.*

## No. 4.

*CONDITION of the BOUNTY IMMIGRATION SYSTEM, under the Regulations of the 1st July, 1856, up to 1st December, 1859.*

	ORDINARY TICKETS.			BLANK TICKETS.	
	<i>Family Tickets.</i>	<i>Man and Wife Tickets.</i>	<i>Single Tickets.</i>	<i>Family Tickets.</i>	<i>Single Tickets.</i>
Issued .....	95	11	187	6	150
Less certified for payment, or acted on	72	6	122	—	130
Cancelled .....	21	5	53	—	—
Overdue .....	2	—	12	—	20
OUTSTANDING.....	—	—	—	—	—

G. SMITH, *Immigration Agent.*

## No. 5.

*CONDITION of the BOUNTY IMMIGRATION SYSTEM, under the Regulations of the 21st December, 1858, up to 31st December, 1859.*

	FAMILY TICKETS.	SINGLE TICKETS.	
		<i>For Males.</i>	<i>For Females.</i>
General Issue, Hobart Town.....	22	49	105
Ditto, Launceston .....	42	51	95
Issued to St. Andrew's Society, Launceston.....	29	100	200
TOTAL .....	93	200	400
Less certified for payment, or acted on .....	28	78	157
Cancelled .....	—	3	5
OUTSTANDING.....	65	119	238

G. SMITH, *Immigration Agent.*

## No. 6.

*OCCUPATIONS of the Male Immigrants introduced during the Half-year ended  
31st December, 1859.*

	<i>Married.</i>	<i>Single.</i>	<i>TOTAL.</i>
Agricultural Labourers .. .. .	11	87	98
Boot and Shoemakers .. .. .	1	1	2
Bakers and Confectioners.. .. .	1	1	2
Butchers .. .. .	—	2	2
Bricklayers .. .. .	1	1	2
Blacksmiths .. .. .	2	4	6
Carpenters .. .. .	2	4	6
Carpenters and Joiners .. .. .	1	—	1
Cabinet-maker and Upholsterer .. .. .	1	—	1
Constable .. .. .	—	1	1
Currier .. .. .	1	—	1
Domestic Servants .. .. .	—	2	2
Errand Boys .. .. .	—	2	2
Farm Bailiff and Engineer .. .. .	—	1	1
Farm Lads .. .. .	—	2	2
Gardeners .. .. .	3	6	9
Gas Fitter .. .. .	1	—	1
Glass Blower .. .. .	1	—	1
Goldsmith .. .. .	1	—	1
Grooms and Coachmen .. .. .	2	1	3
Labourers .. .. .	9	6	15
Miller .. .. .	—	1	1
Masons .. .. .	1	2	3
Painters and Glaziers .. .. .	1	—	1
Printer .. .. .	1	—	1
Shepherds .. .. .	1	5	6
Storekeeper .. .. .	—	1	1
Turner and Fitter .. .. .	1	—	1
Wire-workers and Weavers .. .. .	2	2	4
Wheelwrights .. .. .	—	3	3
Working Engineer and Machinist .. .. .	1	—	1
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>181</b>

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## No. 7.

*OCCUPATIONS of Single Female Immigrants introduced  
during the Half year ended 31st December, 1859.*

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Bookfolder .....	1
Cooks (Professed).....	6
Cooks and Laundresses.....	17
Cooks and Housemaids.....	11
Domestic Servants.....	88
Dressmakers.....	13
Farm Servants and Dairy Maids.....	12
Governesses.....	5
Governesses (Nursery).....	11
General Servants.....	77
Housekeepers.....	3
Housemaids.....	35
House and Parlour Maids.....	7
Lady's Maid.....	1
Laundresses.....	7
Lace Dresser.....	1
Lace Worker.....	1
Lunatic Asylum Attendants.....	3
Milliners.....	2
Monthly Nurses.....	5
Music Teacher.....	1
Needlewomen and Housemaids.....	16
Nursemaids.....	28
Nurse and Needlewomen.....	3
Shopwomen.....	4
Tailoresses.....	3
<i>Total</i> .....	<u>361</u>

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G. SMITH, *Immigration Agent.*